A.—(*a*) & (*b*) All the districts in the Presidency excepting a portion of Madras and the Agency tracts have been surveyed.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" With regard to (*c*), may I know the steps that have been taken with regard to this matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Attention is invited to the answer given to the previous question."

Training of apprentices in the Kerala Soap Institute.

* 1341 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(*a*) to place on the table of the House full particulars relating to the training of apprentices in the Kerala Soap Institute ; and

(*b*) to state whether the Government have instituted or propose to institute scholarships for deserving students ?

A.—(*a*) The [a] G.O. No. 140, Development, dated 29th January 1927, sanctioning the institution of a system of training apprentices in the Kerala Soap Institute which has been placed on Editors' Table is now placed on the table of the House. This scheme contemplates a course of instruction extending over 12 months. A fee of Rs. 100 per annum is charged for the students coming from the Madras Presidency, while in respect of others the fee charged is Rs. 150 each per annum. In July 1927, the Government approved a subsequent proposal of the Director for the institution of a short course of study, in addition, extending to not more than three months for the training of owners of soap factories and others who possess some practical knowledge of the manufacture of soap in the Presidency and elsewhere. Nine students will be trained in this course every year in batches of 3 at a time. A fee of Rs. 75 for each Madras student and Rs. 125 for others has been fixed for this course.

(*b*) No.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether sufficient number of apprentices are coming to the Kerala Soap Institute every year ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes, Sir."

Position of Government in regard to the Carnatic Paper Mills.

* 1342 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the present position of the Government in regard to the Carnatic Paper Mills ?

A.—The position of Government in regard to the Carnatic Paper Mills is that explained in the Press Communiqué issued by Government on 3rd December 1928.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XII on pages 655–657 infra.